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## War and A Hobby of Peace



THE INVADER, the inhabitants of the island kingdom and the more or less neutral bystanders all agree that invasion of the island will be attempted before the calendar year has progressed much farther on its warlike course; and that is about all that all those groups will agree upon. That such military maneuvers abroad and the constant talk of war at home will have a marked effect on this hobby is certain. Only last year this country honored postally a gentleman, Mark Twain, whose comments on war and its effect on his countrymen merit re-reading for they constitute a classic statement on the subject. And the reason the Will Rogers of another era was honored was his shrewd appraisal and common sense sandwiched amid reckless levity.

At present the stamp market is good. Auction sales are well patronized and auctions are always a good index of the state of the market. We don't know if it's because many of our eastern seaboard countrymen really do fear a visit from Herr Schickelgruber and are converting their cash to easily portable valuables, or not; but it's well known that dealers—once leading buyers—are returning from sales empty handed. There is evidence that much of the material bought is in effect being hoarded and evidences among other things that buyers are anxious to put their money in something having a sounder foundation than money itself. It is also true that a great many collectors now find themselves with more money to spend, a novelty that soon takes care of itself. Which all adds up to the fact that large quantities of stamps are being laid aside. And when the artificial boom of war and war preparedness ends—and it has to end some day—these stamps and others will be for sale, but we question if then there will be a rush of buyers like the present.

There is another side to current stamp business. We know that the war has induced a heavy flow of Grade A material from England to the U. S. No matter what the outcome of the invasion, this necessarily will subside. One view held concerning this is that it constitutes an opportunity not soon to come America's way again, if ever.

In our country we talk only of war, never of peace, and suit our conduct to our words. The generation that has grown since the first World War has become an important part of our hobby, supplying many of the most active members of clubs and certainly source of a large portion of the business over trade counters. When one builds a stamp collection, consciously or unconsciously plans are made for future additions or expansions of that collection, covering a period not of weeks, but of months and years. But these collectors can not make such plans, for their future has been put on a day to day basis by militarization of what once was a country noted for the scarcity of uniforms. Life when placed on such a transient basis induces a reckless disregard of future, an attitude that hardly would lead to interest in philately. A country's future is no brighter than that of its children; and the same might be said of our hobby. Just how are we to meet these changed conditions, particularly if our country continues on its way to war?

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## Censor Marks and Covers

"NOT/OPENED BY/CENSOR" in three lines in a diamond shaped violet box with numeral "3" above wording is on a recent letter from Australia. The letter had not been opened and the significance of the marking is obscure, unless it indicates censorship of letter handed in at post office unsealed.

Just why it was never tried before we aren't sure, but Adam Gruenig submits a really different Censor Label—being gummed transparent tape in strips about two inches wide and printed in black in two lines: "EXAMINED BY/C.259." Seals a cover from Tokyo, Japan, which is addressed to New York and which evidently passed through a British censor somewhere, possibly at Vancouver or other west coast Canadian points. However, being an airmail cover, it is also possible that it was routed through Hong Kong.

From Nairobi, Kenya-Uganda-Tanganyika, comes a cover sealed with a white label with single line "OPENED BY CENSOR" in black, with purple hand-stamped town name of "Nairobi" below it and numeral "46" also handstamped above.

India continues to use combined labels and hand markings. One censor label is on rough kraft gummed sealing tape, the coat of arms little more than a red blob of ink and bearing in addition triangular Indian and Hong Kong censor marks. Another cover has white label described before, tied to cover by triangular censor mark with crown in center.

Spain, symbolizes the wretched state of that country by its mail. The letters are sealed with strips of any kind of brown or manila paper, without printing and tied or handstamped with purple markings, that of Seville being a two-line affair of the "DIRRECCION GRAL. DE SEGURIDAD" and a couple impressions of a neater boxed marking on face of cover for good measure. A censor mark seen on a cover mailed on the North Express traveling post office has large circular censor of the "GOBIERNO CIVIL DE GUPUZOCA/SAN SEBAS- TIAN/CENSURA POSTAL GUBER- NATIVA."

An airmail cover from the Argentine, addressed for delivery in Fremont, O., is reported by C. E. Cockrell to have been censored and sealed with a label printed in small black type: "OPENED BY EXAMINER No. 85." Mr. Cockrell wonders where this cover was censored, and we do too. The planes stop enroute at points in British Guiana or British Honduras, as well as several West Indian points, depending on which of the several routes or scheduled trips this particular mail was flown. The U. S. for some reason never officially explained has not only submitted to forcible examination of U. S. mails, even when between it and a neutral, but has encouraged such examination. We have noted complaints that Liberian mail has been not only censored, but materially de-layed.

Such tampering with mails of the United States and other nations far removed from Europe's war would ordinarily be expected to result in strong diplomatic if not other action. The press has printed reports of indications of business information contained in such censored mail having been used. American business houses in Brazil and other east coast South American points have even found it necessary and advisable to request their U. S. offices to route air mail via the direct route to Canal Zone, thence via Ecuador and Peru to destination.

A pair of the new 22½ on 3c Netherlands used to frank a censored cover from Haarlem is shown us by Adam Gruenig. The censor label and rubber-stamp on back of cover is same as the censor marks reported on German covers.

We thank Adam Gruenig for submitting a number of the above censored covers for inspection. Mr. Gruenig also showed us a number of covers from Jamaica, France, Switzerland and Zanzibar, which had passed without being censored.

A post card from Atlas Stamp Co., Ltd., of Zurich, Switzerland, and bearing that postmark of December 13, 1940, was received at the Linprint office on February 12, indicating the delays to which U. S. mail has been subjected by foreign censors. The card bore no censorship markings. We have noted statements that U. S. ordinary mail from abroad is deliberately delayed to foil possible espionage correspondence.

From Dr. William E. Neff, Jr., comes several covers of interest. Most unusual in censor markings is that on a cover from Batavia, Netherlands East Indies. This is identical in style, size and inking with the town postmark, having date in center, "CENSUUR" in place of town name at top of circle and numeral "5" in lower portion of circle. At first glance it would pass for a town postmark. It ties to the cover a brown strip label which bears the printed tete beche repeated legend "DOOR CENSUUR GEOPEND". The cover arrived in Connecticut after being in transit by air just 11 days.

A cover postmarked at St. Eustatius, Netherlands West Indies and bearing customary Curacao stamp is sealed with a white label having coat of arms and "POSTCENSUUR" above and "CURACAO" below, and is tied to cover by violet numeral "3" in a half-inch circle. Mail is not commonly met with from the tiny island dependency of Curacao.

A cover from a Pole who escaped into Switzerland and mailed a letter from a hospital there is sealed with a label about 1¼x3 inches having at left the Swiss cross on shield and at right in German, French and Italian in three parallel lines the inscription "Opened—Military censor." The cover was again opened by British censors and bears their usual label. Though sent by air, the cover consumed about 25 days in transit. The letter within tells of the Pole's escape into exile and misfortunes which the writer "would not wish his own enemy."

In addition to the Curacao label there is in use, shown us on a letter to the island, a red marking with three lines "GEZIEN" in an arch above the straight line "CURACAO" and below in a curved line "CENSUUR". About one inch in diameter.

To economize during the shortage of paper, the English are using an "economy label" which when pasted over the face of an old envelope permits it to be used again.



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On January 28 two men held up the clerk at the Philadelphia office of Henry Chapman and took from the safe several thousands of dollars worth of gold coins and a \$16,000 stamp collection. The collection included U. S. and foreign stamps, "A" to "D," and some miscellaneous items, including a copy of the "brown Magill local."

Persons offered any stamps suspected of being the above, should report to the Philadelphia police. Offerings of stamps by strangers at bargain prices should always be regarded with suspicion as the purchaser of such items if later proved to have bought stolen property can be held responsible and will lose all sums paid for it. A recent instance was reported of a collector who had bought at bargain prices stamps he later (but too late) learned had been stolen from his own collection.

## Indies Print Their Own

Confirming rumors, the *New York Times* states that the postal administration of the Netherlands East Indies has let contracts with G. G. Kolff & Co., Batavia, to print postage stamps for the Indies, Curacao and Suriname during the war. Ordinarily these colonial stamps are printed by the famous printing firm of Johan Enschede & Sons at Haarlem, Netherlands, but due to the war this source is cut off. The Indies expect to retire from circulation on the first of July the 4½ and 7½ gulden air stamps, now being issued as ordinary stamps, the 10c 1933 "Landscape" and the Queen Wilhelmina 1933 12½c, 32½c, 42½c and 2.50g. New designs will feature the new issues now being produced, including a new Queen's portrait design.

• H. B. Fisher of Charleston, W. Va., calls to our attention an item in the Oakland, Calif. "Traffic Tidings" which tells of a package recently leaving Alameda for Honolulu by air and bearing postage stamps totaling \$171.20. Air mail matter bearing higher sums than this have been occasionally reported, the highest being around \$700.00.

• Nauru's original name was Pleasant Island, and this is still to be found in the postmark of the sole post office on the island.

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## Bisects Cause Delay

International News Service tells of the Vinita, Oklahoma, woman who cut three-cent stamps in half to supply herself with 1½c stamps for her Christmas Cards. As a result, the cards were treated as if no postage had been paid and were never delivered. Such third-class matter is usually destroyed if it does not bear a printed pledge that sender would pay return postage, etc.

• Zagreb, Yugoslavia, on Sept. 29, 1940, used a special postmark with drawing and commemorative dates for the fifth Centenary of Gutenberg's invention of printing.

• The first Roumanian air mail series were thought to be rare as speculators bought up the first lot in a few days, but later printings met demands.

## Additional First Flights

New schedules of the several pickup airmail routes include provisions for service to be inaugurated at several towns when the proper facilities are completed. These are, under date of February 24, West Newton, Masontown, Slippery Rock, Youngsville, Blairsville, Portage and Williamsburg, all in Pennsylvania. There was no indication when the service will commence at these points.

## Costa Rica University Issue

The Costa Rican government intends to place on sale on or about March 15 a new issue "in commemoration of the new National University." The series will consist of ordinary postage stamps of 5, 10, 15, 25 and 50 centimos denominations and an airmail series with denominations of 15, 30, 40 and 60 centimos and 1, 2 and 5 colones. Two designs will be used, each design appearing on some values of each set, the one design picturing the original university founded in 1843 and the decree creating same, and the other design will depict the new University (a new building?) and the government decree of last August authorizing it. The stamps will be large horizontal rectangulars and will be on sale at the Oficina Filatelica Nacional, San Jose, Costa Rica at face plus 10%. No arrangements are announced for servicing first day covers.

• The post office of Otowi in Sandoval County, New Mexico, will change its name to Los Alamos on April 1.

• The January Bulletin of the Pan American Union has an article on San Marcos University, oldest university in South America, whose buildings were depicted on the Peruvian 50c stamp of 1936.

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	3c EACH: x15, 21, x44, x50, x52, x53, x54, x71, x72, 73, #86, #87, 99, 113, #122, O3, O4, O10, O11, O21, O22.
	4c EACH: 23, x44, #102, #105, #107, #108, #123, #124, #126, #O3, #O4, O12, O20.
	5c EACH: #12, #23, x47, 51, 55, 56, x89, #92, #109, #110, #125, xO5, O6, xO7, #O9, O14, O23, O25.
	6c EACH: 12, #14, #26, #51, #55, #128, O8.
	7c EACH: x11, x13, #56, x76, #78, x90, 92, 112, 121, x141, #O6, #O10, #O21.
	8c EACH: x5, 14, 26, x74, x75, 136, 146, #O8, #O11, #O20, #O22, O26.
	10c EACH: 49, x72c, x77, 78, x88, 94, #104, #112, #113, #121, #127, #131, #136, x139, 140, x143, 144, #146, 147, O1, #O12, O15, #O23.
	12c EACH: #49, #140, 148, #O1, O24.
	15c EACH: x3, #24, #31, #32, #79, #80, 91, 95, #94, 95, #132, 134, 137, x142, 146, #B16, #C1, xO16, #O17, #O18.
	18c EACH: 79, #95, #O14, #O24, #O25.
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#66	.50
#67	.75
x40	.85
x41	1.11
x42	.30
x43	.15
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Submitted is a paste-up copy of the 1c 1918-20 offset printing imperforate (No. 531) with private coil perforation of the Schermack Co. consisting of two vertical rectangular holes (about 5 mm. high and 1 mm. wide). Our reader is curious regarding the pasteup, inquiring if this is what is meant by "double paper." The government sold manufacturers of stamp vending machines (the kind from which you obtained four 1c for a nickel, or perhaps two 2c for the same sum) the full imperforate sheets of 400 of these denominations. The companies in order to make coils for their machines would cut the sheets into strips of 20 stamps, using the sheet margins as a means of pasting the strips together to form continuous rolls of 500 or more stamps. Thus every 20th stamp would have the selvage of the adjoining stamp underlapping it and sometimes by holding up to the light the plate number can be seen, adding interest to these paste-up varieties. The companies, such as Schermack of Detroit, applied various types of perforating or rouletting, depending on the requirements of different types of machines. These odd perforations are illustrated in the U. S. Specialized Catalogue in a separate section titled "Private Perforations." The private manufacture of coils ceased when the government was at last able to produce at a trifling extra charge stamps coiled in rolls of 500, 1,000, or 3,000 with gummed side outward as well as inward. At the same time the sale of imperforate stamps ceased—except for we stamp collectors who since about 1927 or so have been the sole customers for these varieties.

A "double-paper" stamp is the term applied to one printed on paper consist-

ing of two sheets pasted over each other. This is occasioned by a break in the roll of paper for the stamp printing press, which is repaired by pasting the two broken sections together and the band of doubled paper may be the width of several rows or more of a sheet. As a result, in the same sheet will be found stamps entirely normal, others printed partly on one piece and partly on the other and the balance on two thicknesses of paper. Sometimes the joining is so well done as to escape detection at the Bureau and some fortunate collector stands a chance of finding such sheets. They are not rare, but obviously occur any time and may appear anywhere. The two varieties, paste-up and double, paper can be readily told by examination.

"Is there an R. P. O. catalog, or a book telling the A B Cs of this type of collecting?" There isn't any catalog, and we doubt if one will appear in the near future, since there have been so many thousands of these markings in the past 75 years or so. Nor is there an ABC. In the Feb. 26, 1938, issue of LINN'S we published a list of the current Railway Post Offices. It required some knowledge of geography to recognize many of the abbreviated names, but the names given in the abbreviated form were the official abbreviations, it seldom being the practice for names to be spelled out in full in the postmark. A few copies of this edition were laid aside and are still available at 5c each.

Some time ago we were asked why Barbados' "Kingston Relief" stamp of 1907 is priced the same with surcharge inverted or normal. We note a comment in an English contemporary that this stamp was printed in equal quantities of both forms, when it was discovered that some had been issued of the inverts in error. The purpose was to prevent what our British friends term a "ramp" or in American: a speculation or racket.

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### Isn't What It Used to Be

St. Valentine's Day has become a rather pale affair compared with what it was a hundred years ago. At that time, it seems, practically everyone sent valentines to all his friends and relations. On no other day, not even Christmas time or New Year's, was the letter carrier quite so heavily loaded down with mail.

Most of this extra mail was carried by the private posts, it is indicated by notes and covers found in the Edward S. Knapp collection. Indeed, so heavy was the volume of valentines that such posts as Kidder's City Express, of Brooklyn, and the Broadway Post Office, of New York, had always to hire extra carriers on that day. Undoubtedly the same thing was true in Philadelphia, Chicago, Cincinnati, and other cities.

Not all of this mail was pleasantly sentimental. Most letters in those days still were sent collect-on-delivery, and the recipient never knew whether he was paying postage on a lacy message of tender affection from his dearly beloved or on a scurrilous comic valentine sent by some practical joker or personal enemy.

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### Camp Upton Post Office

With a brief dedication ceremony the Camp Upton branch of the Riverhead, N. Y., post office was dedicated on February 1 at the former World War training camp, now again serving a similar purpose. The *Patchogue Argus* commented that stamp collectors were conspicuous by their absence. The executive officer of the post bought the first stamp, another officer bought the first money order and a third sent the first registered letter. The office is staffed with a civilian force of three men who handle all types of mail. Thanks to Paul Haase for clipping.

### Canada Bans Its Stamps

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TSK, TSK. IN CAME AN AUCTION catalog the other day illustrating a \$500 Documentary Revenue. Hasn't word reached Philadelphia yet about the illustration regulations?

NOTE TO OUR PRECANCEL COLUMNIST—Great Britain precancels but one form of the postage stamp, the lowly newspaper wrapper. These are sometimes cancelled before use by publishers.

THERE HAS BEEN NO REDUCTION in consumption of coal since that recent edict that certain revenue stamps must be destroyed. And we don't think future bonfires will put any miners out of work. We understand that burying stamps in damp places is none too good for them.

INFLUENZA STRUCK AMIDST the dealers at the Cleveland Stamp Club's January annual, and Fred Farnham and Joe E. Rasdale both were last reported as making satisfactory recoveries at home in Michigan.

HAROLD ABRAMS OF DORCHESTER, Mass., wonders if he was the only collector to send a first flight pickup cover back in May, 1939 from Gettysburg, Pa., and use a 16c Lincoln Presidential for franking? We don't know, Harold, but anyway it sounds like a most appropriate combination of place and stamp. Which makes us wonder if any firms mailing Special Delivery Air Mail on Feb. 12 bothered to use the 16c Lincoln that day in place of the regular stamp?

BOMBING RAIDS MAKE TROUBLE occasionally in the British philatelic publishing trade, as witness a raid on Birmingham setting fire to the printing plant where one popular sectional album was ready for shipping, destroying not only the printed pages, but the expensive plates for printing the edition.

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DON R. HEATH, WHO HAS ALWAYS had a great interest in A. P. S. affairs has been endorsed by three Michigan clubs for Secretary of the A. P. S. he tells us. Don would make the A. P. S. a good secretary and we wish him well with his campaign for office.

THE CUBANS CERTAINLY BELIEVE in getting their moneys' worth out of cancellation machines. They've been using the Finlay Centenary one at Havana since 1933 and if they don't soon replace it, the thing is liable to rust solidly in the machine and then they'll never get rid of it.

THOUGH PITCAIRN STAMPS ARE inscribed "ISLANDS" the only post office is located on Pitcairn itself and its postmark is inscribed simply "Pitcairn Island." Which is something or other.

TWO MONTHS AFTER THE CLOSE of the Centenary Year, the Liberian government plans to put on sale a set of Rowland Hill commemoratives produced by over-printing other stamps. It is said that the definitive issue could not be prepared in time, hence this makeshift. Which would sound all right, if the makeshift itself were not too late. While they are being late, why not be good and late and get out some stamps that would do Rowland credit and not just "do" philately?

LEE SCHWARTZ OF DALLAS, TEX., will probably be a very cautious stamp buyer hereafter. A newspaper clipping tells that for three months he bought "rare stamps" from three youths at 40c to \$1 each, only to discover eventually that they were his stamps and stolen from his garage.

WHY ALL THE FUSS ABOUT THE Agency making its customers pay return postage on their orders? In most cases this amounts to just 3c. We understand that most of the Agency's mail orders are small ones, often less than a dollar, and why any collector should think he should spend 15c extra to register such a small consignment is beyond understanding. Moreover, there is little risk in sending sums of \$1 or \$2 in cash through the mails, and going to the bother of getting a money order for such when sent to the Agency seems an unnecessarily cautious precaution. Sure the P. O. would like you to get a money order and pay registration, but the point is YOU DON'T HAVE TO.

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We list herewith the auctions that have been advertised in our columns. The firms will be pleased to send upon request a copy of the catalogues. Dealers desiring listing in this column of coming sales should advise us of details at earliest possible date, as forms close on second Thursday preceding date of publication.

March 7—Hi-Hat Sale. Mint Sheet Brokerage Co., 415 Caxton Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.

March 10-11—(postponed from Feb. 25-26) Falkland Islands, airmails, etc. H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32-34 E. 57th St., New York City.

March 11—U. S. Collection (Illustrated catalog 25c). Parke-Bernet Galleries, Inc., 30 E. 57th St., New York City.

March 17-18—German States and Colonies. U. S., etc. H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32-34 E. 57th St., New York City.

March 29—At ATEX exhibition, Atlantic City. M. Ohlman, 116L Nassau St., New York City.

April 1—First portion of Brown effects. H. Wendt, Waverly, Iowa.

## More Mail Lost

Under date of February 1 the Post Office Department announced that "it now appears that the Belgian steamship Ville d'Arlon, which sailed from New York Nov. 14, 1940, for Liverpool, Glasgow and Belfast, has been lost . . ."

U. S. mails lost with the ship include 54 sacks of registered matter, 244 sacks of ordinary letter mail and nearly 3,000 sacks of parcel post and printed matter. There were also lost over 400 sacks of mail from other countries, all of which accumulated at New York between Nov. 4 and date of sailing.

## New Books Received

This column does not classify auction catalogues as reviewable books, but a recent catalog of Eugene Klein's is the exception. This is the catalogue of his March 15th auction which offers the Henry B. Brock collection of the 1898-99 Cuba Puerto Principe issues and the illustrations and descriptions of this very complete offering do in fact constitute a checklist of these issues or as Mr. Klein puts it "a textbook". Your copy may be obtained upon request of him at 212 S. 13th St., Philadelphia, Pa. The Puerto Principes have always interested collectors. They were printed in horizontal strips of five by overprinting Spanish Colonial issues, and consequently vertical pairs or blocks do not exist.

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## New Buffalo Stamp Store

The Howard G. Stuart Co., approval dealers of Gowanda, N. Y., expected to move to Buffalo, N. Y., and about February 25 open up a new stamp store at 913 Broadway in the heart of Buffalo's east side. The shop will be located on the second floor and will feature modern equipment, ample lighting, and a large stock of stamps and accessories. A philatelic library will be available to patrons. The new store will be known as the Broadway Stamp Store.

\* A collector, far from hurried, called at a stamp dealer's early in the afternoon. Leisurely he spent an hour and a half looking over all the stamps in the display frames. He then sat down and consumed twenty minutes deciding which one of three sets, each priced at 35 cents, that he would buy. This ordeal over, he took another hour of the dealer's time, showing him various designs in albums and accessories, but making no pretense of purchase.

Taking a careful survey then of the shop's furniture and fixtures, his eyes finally fell upon the clock. "Is that an eight day clock?" he asked.

The dealer replied: "Why don't you stay a little longer and find out?"

—Asia Stamp Journal.

## ENTIRES — POSTCARDS

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UX1 used	\$10.00	\$1.20
UX2 used	.25	.05
UX3 used	.05	.02
UX11 used	.10	.03
UX11 mint	.15	.05
UX12 mint	2.50	1.40
UX21 mint	1.00	.30
UX27 mint	2.50	.50
UX33c mint	10.00	.75
UY50-51 mint	.30	.15
UY54-55 mint	1.00	.35
UY56-57 mint	.30	.15
UY58-59 mint	1.00	.25
UY60-61 mint	4.00	.70
UY64-65 mint	1.00	.40
UY66-67 mint	.22	.07

The prices speak for themselves. Only a few of each on hand.

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39	1.25	126	.01	171	.01	214	.03	B5	.08	C22	.02
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50	.45	131	.01	175	.01	218	.05	B12	.15	J4	.25
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61A*	.05	135	.01	181	.06	223	.01	B17	.04	J24	.03
62*	.02	136	.01	182	.01	224	.03	B18	.04	J25	.05
62	.06	137	.01	183	.06	225	.01	B19	.04	J26	.12
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65*	.02	140	.01	186*	.01	229	.01	B24	.45	J38	.01
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69	.01	142	.01	189	.12	232	.01	B90*	.08	J44	.04
71	.01	143	.01	190	.03	233	.02	B90	.04	J48*	.03
72	.01	144	.01	191	.02	234	.01	B95*	.07	S3	.02
73	.01	145	.01	192	.02	235	.02	B95	.07	S4	.02
80	.01	145*	2.00	193*	.01	236	.03	B95	.07	S8	.02
81	.02	146*	.02	194*	.03	237	.04	B105*	2.00	S9	.02
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86	.10	149	.02	197	.01	246	.01	C20	.07	3027	.25
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92	.01	155	.01	199	.01	219/225*	.50	B41/44	.25	B77/79	.38
93	.01	156	.03	200	.01	227/229	.01	B45/48	.25	B81/84	.25
94	.02	157	.01	201	.01	231/236*	.65	B49/52	.25	B81/84*	.25
96	.03	158	.01	202	.01	238/241*	.75	B49/52*	.35	B95/98	.25
97	.08	159	.01	203	.01	247/255*	.70	B53/56	.25	B91/94*	.35
98	.03	160	.01	204	.07	256/267*	.75	B57/60	.25	B96/99*	.35
100	.18	161	.02	205	.08	256/267	.70	B61/64	.25	B100/103	.35
101	.04	162	.01	206	.03	268/269*	.20	B65/68	.25	B100/104	.30
105	.01	162B	.03	207	.02			B69/72	.25	B106/110*	.35
106	.05	164	.01	208	.04	B25/28	.40				
109	.05	165	.01	209	.04	B29/32	.25				
112	.02	166	.02	210	.01	B33/36*	.30	B73/76*	.35	J56/59*	.50
113	.01	167	.01	211	.01	B33/36	.25	B73/76	.25	J60/67*	.60

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## Stamp Club Activities

Publicity Chairmen, please note: We receive so many notices of poster labels being issued by stamp clubs that we cannot illustrate all. We are illustrating those that send mats (from which stereotypes are cast) of the design. Mats are inexpensive to obtain and we print this explanation that you may understand why some labels are illustrated and others aren't.

**Akron, Ohio**—M. D. Tremelin is President, Chas. A. Pfahl, Vice-President, Walter Jones, 2546 Maplewood Ave., Cuyahoga Falls, Secretary; and C. A. Bensinger, Treasurer of the Rubber City Stamp Club for 1941. Meetings are held each Thursday evening at the Mayflower Hotel.

**S. P. A.**—Illustrated is the design of the advance publicity label issued by the S. P. A. to advertise the coming convention. They are printed in four color combinations and may be obtained from the Convention Publicity Chairman, Jacob Bressler, 833 S. 58th St., Philadelphia, Pa., or from the S. P. A. Promotional Secretary, Bert Powell, 300 S. Green St., Chicago, Ill. They are free, but a stamped addressed envelope must accompany requests for specimens. S. P. A. officers confidently expect this Convention to be larger than previous ones.

**Birmingham, Mich.**—The Oakland County Philatelic Association's fourth annual exhibition and bourse will be held at the Birmingham Community House, Saturday, March 30. The four member clubs are sponsoring the show: The Pontiac, Birmingham, Royal Oak and Ferndale Stamp Clubs. Maurice F. Cole, donor of the trophy for winner, is President of the Association. The banquet will be at 6 P. M. in the dining room and non-members are welcome to attend either this or the exhibition. Further information can be obtained of Donald MacGregor, 1602 Houstania Ave., Royal Oak.

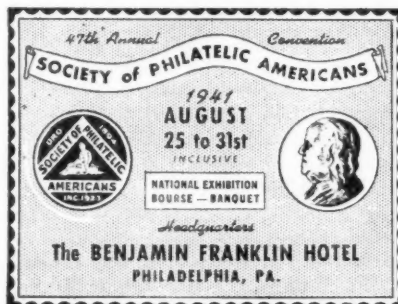
**Brooklyn, N. Y.**—The Philatelic Activity of the Brooklyn Edison Club (PABEC) meets on alternate Fridays in the 12th floor Private Dining Room of the General Office Building of the Brooklyn Edison Co., 380 Pearl St., and visitors their bulletins say, are welcome.

**Brookfield, Chicago, Ill.**—A new stamp club known as The Suburban Collectors Club of Chicago has been organized in the "Q" West Suburban area of Chicago. The club meets on first Monday evening of each month at Brookfield and a card addressed to E. H. Wellman, Brookfield, Ill., will bring details of next meeting. Glen Evans is President and Ross Moore, Secretary. Collectors of Riverside, Hollywood, Congress Park, La Grange, Western Springs, Clarendon Hills and Hinsdale are invited to attend meetings.

**Chicago, Ill.**—The second annual exhibition of the Polonus Philatelic Society will be held March 6-7-8 at the Falcon Hall, 1062 North Ashland Ave., Exhibits will center around Polish stamps

and many unusual displays are to be included, among them specialized collections of Marienwerder and Polish postal stationery. Detroit's Pulaski Philatelic Club will participate, its members planning to attend in a body. A philatelic label sheet will be issued but no details are known.

**Newark, N. J.**—The first annual banquet of the Essex Stamp Club will be held March 4 at the Essex House, 1051 Broad St., Newark. Tickets (\$1.50) may be obtained of the Secretary, John B. Foster, care Essex House. Captain Tim Healy will be one of the guest speakers.



**Denver, Colo.**—Ninth annual exhibition of the Denver Stamp Club will be held May 5 to 10 inclusive. Place has not been selected, but information can be obtained of the Chairman, John M. Gardner, 1345 Birch St., Denver. This club has changed its meeting place to the Albany Hotel, 17th and Stout Streets, second Wednesday of each month. Visitors are welcome.

**Manitowoc, Wisc.**—Rev. August G. Dusold, Treasurer and delegate to the State Convention advises that the Manitowoc Philatelic Society recently elected Arnold B. Croll, President and Roy F. Peronto, Secretary. Time and place of meetings of this club are not stated, but no doubt local collectors may learn them by calling any of the above three officers on the phone.

**Petaluma, Calif.**—The Petaluma Philatelic Society has elected new officers for the year. Marcel Ceresa is the new President and Carl Young is Secretary. The Society lost two of its more prominent members last year, H. E. Baptista and Lou Govaerts. Place and time of meetings of the club is not reported.

**San Francisco, Calif.**—April 18, 19 and 20 are the dates for the Third Annual exhibit of the California Collectors Club at the Hotel Whitcomb. Over 200 frames are available to exhibitors. The club has prepared a set of large labels printed on metallic papers to commemorate its show and these are being sold at 25c per set plus return stamped envelope. Inquiries should be sent the club at the Hotel.

**Pottsville, Pa.**—The fourth annual exhibition of the Anthracite Stamp Club will be held at the Public Library, March

11 to 17 inclusive. Illustrated is the philatelic label to be issued in three colors, at 10c per set (3 for 25c) plus a stamped return envelope through Gearhart Frantz, P. O. Box 294, Pottsville.



The reason Henry Clay's statue was erected in Pottsville, was successfully advocating a strong protective tariff caused the region's iron and coal industry to prosper. Though Clay appears on U. S. stamps, but two statues, Mr. Frantz says, have been erected to his memory.

**Universal Ship Cancellation Society**—The Directors have voted to hold the next annual convention at Boston on August 29-30-31. Everett Wallster, P. O. Box 44, is National Convention Director.

**SOJEX**—This annual exhibition by the Association of South Jersey Stamp Clubs, Inc., will be held May 2-3-4 at the Walt Whitman Hotel, Camden, N. J.

## Cachets and Labels

There is a widespread belief that the stamp press will print free in its news columns details of any cachet or poster stamp, regardless of whether there is a charge being made for cachet or label. LINN'S will mention briefly in its news columns cachets that are free, but any for which a charge is made are considered advertising and the rates quoted on the editorial page apply. We will mention free any cachets for which a forwarding charge of not more than 1c is made, providing the covers are actually forwarded a distance.

We will mention free in our news columns all philatelic labels, whether the label is sold or given away by a stamp club. We do not consider as philatelic labels the poster stamps produced by individuals or non-philatelic organizations and will not give free publicity to such whether they are sold or not.

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The prospectus is now ready and obtainable of Stanley E. Griffith, 908 Morgan Ave., Palmyra. There are numerous classes and many awards.

**Texas Philatelic Assn.**—It has been found necessary to advance one week the dates for the 45th annual convention, the new dates being May 9-10-11; the place being the Baker Hotel at Dallas. The Society has a membership of 323. Mr. D. A. Saunders is organizing a local chapter at Greenville, Texas.

**Tulsa, Okla.**—Another release from the Cover Collectors of America tells of arrangements to have on display at the April 5-6 Convention one of the most complete collections of bisects of the world.

### Philatelists Organize War Relief Committee

A group of stamp collectors and dealers has just organized a special philatelic committee that is officially identified with the British War Relief Society. This committee has secured the support of fifty sponsors to underwrite all expenses of operation so that 100% of all money collected will go to the fund without deductions for any costs whatever. It is expected that stamp collectors and dealers throughout the United States will join in the movement and assist in raising funds, which will be used to purchase mobile food kitchens for use in the bombed areas of Great Britain.

The head of the organization is John W. Nicklin, who initiated the idea, with Admiral Frederic R. Harris as Vice Chairman, Gordon R. Harmer as Secretary, and Theodore E. Steinway as Treasurer. In addition to these officers, the sponsoring committee includes other prominent philatelists and the number is growing rapidly and it is expected that there will be thousands throughout the country who will join in the movement.

Offers of cooperation are spontaneously pouring in from stamp clubs, stamp dealers, and department stores who have learned of the movement and who will be authorized to solicit funds in their own communities.

As a fitting souvenir, a handsome steel engraving of the first postage stamp, the Penny Black of Great Britain, is given to each contributor of \$1.00 or more, with an inscription, "Contributor to the Philatelic Committee of the British War Relief Society, Inc." In addition to this souvenir, each contributor will also receive an official receipt from the British War Relief Society showing the amount of the donation. All contributions and checks should be addressed to Theodore E. Steinway, Treasurer, 551 5th Ave., New York, N. Y.

• 110 pounds were paid the artist who assisted the Union of South Africa's printers in preparing the designs of the 1d and 1½d Voortrekker commemoratives, it is reported in the *South African Philatelist*.



Items concerning U. S. stamps, minor varieties, cancellations and unusual postmarks should be directed attention of "U. S. Notes." If stamps are not sent, be sure to describe fully and accurately. We do not list plate varieties unless actually seen as many ink varieties are mistakenly thought to be plate varieties.

A Civil War stampless cover is submitted by Ed. A. Sawitzke of Laramie, Wyoming. At the left end, vertically it is inscribed in long-hand "Soldiers Letter, H. O. Chapman, Chaplain, 42nd Regt. Ind. V. V. I." and is addressed to another soldier at Washington, D. C. Has normal Chattanooga, Tenn., postmark dated Sept. 17 with year date indistinct and just at left of postmark a black three-line marking "PAID/U.S./SAN. COM." This is the first time this marking has been noted if we recollect correctly. The type in this marking is large, being nearly a quarter-inch in height.

A double paper copy of the 17c Wilson (rotary No. 697) is reported by Fred L. Wardwell of Iliion, N. Y. It was discovered while soaking the stamp from paper, the double paper being an irregular third of the stamp. The peculiarity of this particular stamp is that the top layer of paper is complete except for a narrow gouge which extends from the top of stamp nearly down to Wilson's left eye. The bottom layer of paper shows the missing portion of the design printed at this position. Evidently this double paper occurred due to a break in the paper roll on the press, which was patched together without trimming ragged edges.

We've had a request for a list of plate number combinations of the 16c Special Delivery Air Mail stamp. Who has one?

Since we printed that picture weeks ago of the 1c Audubon cancelled in such a manner John James appeared to be wearing "specs" we have been shown examples of this on other stamps. Pablo M. Esperidon, our Philippine Correspondent, sends a copy of a 2c Philippines Official on official envelope, with an incomplete slogan cancel, the top portions of the "P" and "R" of the word "PREVENTION" giving Dr. Jose Rizal, depicted on the stamp, a pair of spectacles a la Audubon.

### First Day Calendar

3c Vermont Statehood Commemorative—To be issued first day at Montpelier, Vt. on March 4. To be a large horizontal format stamp.

• The error of a plate of the Roumanian 1876 10 bani stamp having one 5 bani cliché because so popular that in 1880 some 500 sheets were reprinted.

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550, 5c Pilgrim	1.00	4.70	9.50 .60
611, 2c Harding	.05	.20	.40 .01
613, 2c Harding	.35	1.60	4.00 .04
614, 1c Wallon	.07	.35	.85 .06
615, 2c Wallon	.14	.65	1.20 .05
616, 5c Wallon	1.00	4.60	9.50 .70
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618, 2c Lexington	.20	.90	1.50 .17
619, 5c Lexington	.40	1.90	3.65 .40
620, 2c Norse	.20	.80	2.40 .16
621, 5c Norse	.80	3.50	12.00 .85

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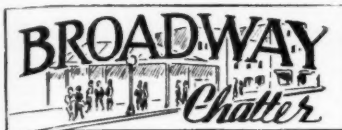
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The Bronx Interboro Philatelic Exhibition (Bipec) which is to be held in early May, has made an innovation by opening a new competitive class for smaller collectors on its program, by regrouping its entire exhibition classifications. In the regrouping, the committee has eliminated completely the groups which received so much attention in previous displays. Instead of having one section with perhaps eighteen sub-groupings, the committee has increased the number of sections.

New York collectors have shown a steady increase in interest in the collecting of censored covers. Many of these covers bear labels with patriotic inscriptions. These covers have been well sought after, and are bringing premium prices.

Among so-called scarce items is the new one franc Petain stamp from France. This stamp was sold out in one week as result was offered at 15 times face value. Speculators had an extremely hard job to sell at these prices, as most of the American dealers refused to touch it. Advances from Switzerland indicate that the stamps will be coming into New York at a fraction above its normal price.

In regard to the Bermuda half-penny provisional which I stated was not scarce, the postmaster of the island announced that the regular supply of half-penny stamps has just been received and the overprints have been withdrawn from sale. Therefore, the half-penny stamp

seems to have been on sale up until this time. On the other hand, I have no definite news on the status of the Bahamas provisional. However, a little more have appeared on the New York market.

A Belgium set which was issued prior to the German invasion has just made its appearance in New York. The reason for this statement is that a sheetlet with the complete set on has been seen with a Brussels post mark dated May 1, 1940. This set has been issued to raise funds in support of the Queen Elizabeth Music foundation.

### First Colombian Air Stamp Unauthorized

In an article by John N. Myer in the February number of the *American Philatelist*, it is shown that there existed no air mail service in Colombia in 1919, the year in which that country is supposed, according to the various catalogues, to have issued its first air mail stamp. The first contract for transportation of mails by plane was entered into by the Colombian government on December 3, 1919 and the planes and pilots did not arrive from France until the following year. The "stamp" listed in the catalogues was privately produced by a young American aviator, Knox Martin, who had a number of copies of the current 2c stamp overprinted with the date of a proposed flight on June 18, 1919 from Barranquilla to Puerto Colombia and return (a 20-minute round trip). There was no official authorization of his using such stamps, but the Barranquilla postmaster permitted them to be cancelled with his office's cancelling stamp. Whether delivery was actually effected of the covers is disputed, but the local postmaster had no authority to accept the stamps etc. Mr. Myer likens the stamp to the various private souvenir covers in this country such as the Vin Fiz of 1911, on which occasion a soft drink manufacturer prepared a label and carried covers to which it was affixed.

### The Black Cape Triangle

Among many outstanding rarities at the April 9th sale by H. R. Harmer, Inc., will be a copy of the mystery 4 pence black Cape of Good Hope triangular. A Royal Philatelic Society certificate accompanying the stamp states "genuine black impression and wkmd., but as there is no real evidence at present that a 4d, black stamp was issued for postal use. The postmark is too indefinite for opinion." These Cape stamps printed in black have been known for many years, but nothing has ever been learned of them. They may have been proofs or essays, but their history has been lost or forgotten.

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\* The Tangier post office of the British government was reported wrecked by Italians of the international city, according to a news item reaching the *Australian Stamp Monthly*.

\* New naval branches ordered established last week include offices on the U. S. S. McKean, Siren, Kaweah, Fuller, Dubuque, PC-509 and Submarine Division 44.



By Kenneth M. Gierhart  
Baltimore, Ohio

## GUM COLLECTING

The woods has been full of Gum and Gum-less debaters this winter. Some claim that the only sensible part about precancel collecting is that they disregard gum. We of course say Amen to this then step aside and become a well wisher on the side of the De-gummers. Much has been said about the detriment that gum is to stamps and it is proven over and over it is true, but nobody will take the bull by the horns and soak the gum off their stamps so it seems that O.G. proponents although out-numbered are the winners nevertheless. Only one argument to leave on the gum has come to my attention and was presented by a man who was backed by his convictions. He stated that in removing the gum his stamps lost the starch packing or filler from the paper and in time the stamps became fuzzy and ragged. That of course is rather amusing in light of the fact that thousands of used stamps have gone through the mails, handled many times, then are soaked off and still retain all of their brilliance just as when they were in the mint sheet. Perhaps the cancelling adds that filler that the stamps loose when they are degummed? "Collect precancels and don't collect gum with stamps on the back," as some pseudo sage said more wisely than he thought.

## NEW OPTIMIST

We have at hand the first issue of the *OPTIMIST* since it was combined with the *BEE*. It is very evident in this first issue the publisher and editor intend to operate the magazine on a basis which will insure its publication for a long time to come. Nothing has been deleted except a fancy cover which only added extra expense and had a very doubtful value as to the betterment of the magazine. We hope Mr. Gunesch can have the full cooperation of the precancel fraternity in this new venture to him as they stand to gain much more than the publisher.

## DEFENSE COILS

No there are none out as yet, nor are any announced but it is not beyond the realm of possibilities that they may appear. So do not be surprised if they drop in on us announced as did the Defense bureaus. These Defense stamps are regarded by the government as regular issues and therefore they would be properly issued in coils.

## CATALOG WEEDS

Dr. H. Preston Hoskins, editor for the new *OPTIMIST*, has taken up a subject that should have been looked into for some time. The matter of deleting listed precancels of which none are known to

exist. Long years ago when the first lists and catalogs were compiled the compilers were not nearly so strict about the material they accepted for their works. They generally left it up to the judgment of the collector as to the type of precancel, the variety and perforation of the stamp. Consequently many errors occurred like 3c offsets being listed as the 3c engraved, and the real smart collector who never needed a perforation gauge would often miss on a perf. Many of these errors were handed down from catalog to catalog chiefly because there was no real effort on the part of state editors to check up on the material in doubt. Mr. Hoskins is starting with the state of Michigan. We also note that Mr. Ashley Robey is in this movement too and we hope others will take up their share now that the work has started.

## NOTES

If you are interested in small Virginia towns write for Rev. F. I. Roofs auction list. Many small unheard of places are on auction. You can make it if you hurry. Stephens City, Va. is the address and a 1c Pres was used on cover.—Hoovers Auction list at hand some very nice medium priced but very tough items of Bureaus in this auction.—The NYPSC organ of the New York Precancel Stamp Club came in with a 1c Englewood, N. J. Presidential coil.—Noted at the Central Ohio Precancel Club meet Sunday Feb. 16th; 21c Willoughby, O. U-121; 1c Foster from Lynchburg, O. U-121; 1 1/2c Pres. Zurich, Kansas U-120N; I am told there are over 50 NARROW hand electro types being used in OHIO; 3c Defense, Hood River, Oreg. U-85; 1c Defense West Milton, O. Type 1; 1c Sylvania, O. U-120.

\* Roumania in 1918 reprinted in different colors various denominations of designs of the series of 1893, this issue being intended for use in that portion of the kingdom not overrun by German troops.

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